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Sincerely yours,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Personnel

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Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Department of State will greatly appreciate your assistance in furnishing professionally competent prison guards for Spandau Prison in Berlin. As you know, Spandau Prison is maintained jointly by the Four Occupying Powers in Berlin to carry out the sentences of major war criminals. The Department of State has found it difficult in the past several years to obtain the United States' share of competent prison guards. Because of the political importance of this function it is essential that satisfactory guards be obtained.

It is therefore requested that the Bureau of Prisons nominate personnel to serve as interior guards at Spandau Prison. These personnel will be appointed into the Foreign Service Reserve Corps and will be entitled to the pay and allowances of Foreign Service personnel as set forth in the Foreign Service Act of 1946, a copy of which is attached for your information. Of particular relevance to the Foreign Service Reserve are Sections 521 through 528. You will note that Section 527 provides for reinstatement of Reserve officers to their Civil Service career positions.

Initially, it is desired to assign four Bureau of Prisons personnel to Spandau Prison and eventually this number will be raised to seven or eight. It is believed desirable to rotate the prison guards on a two-year assignment basis. The guards should be at grades GS-5, 6 or 7 and it is preferable, but not essential, that they receive a salary of at least $4,000. It is also very desirable that the guards be married. Clearance by the Security Office of the Department of State will be required. Because of the urgency of the situation at Spandau Prison, this clearance will be expedited.

The Department

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allowances under Foreign Service Regulations.

The Department of State will undertake to provide furnished quarters, including utilities, in Berlin and will pay the transportation of the guards, their dependents, and such household and personal effects as ~~they may wish to take~~. The guards will have access to military commissary and PX facilities on the same basis as State Department personnel. Army operated schools are available to dependent children of the guards but payment is required.

We would like to plan for a short orientation period in the Department of State and look forward to the arrival of the guards in Berlin during the month of February, 1955.

Your cooperation and interest in this matter are very deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Wilson
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Personnel

Enclosure:

Foreign Service Act of 1946
(Public Law 724—79th Congress)

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